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Top News

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Just in time for the holidays, Benefits Services is pleased to announce a new Employee Discount Program, [PGCPS Perks](#), featuring discounts on groceries, entertainment, home goods, restaurants, hotels and more from nearly 100 local businesses and national retailers! To access these amazing discounts, simply show your PGCPS ID to participating businesses. Additional discounts and deals will be added on an ongoing basis.

Get Started

New Weekly Mobile Meal Distribution



PGCPS and the Maryland National Park & Planning Commission have partnered to host new weekly [mobile meal distributions](#). Each Thursday, parents, guardians and children can pick up free meal boxes consisting of breakfast and lunch for five days at community centers throughout the county. More information and locations forthcoming.

Springhill Lake ES Earns National Honor



Springhill Lake Elementary School is one of 100 schools throughout the country recognized by the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators (NAESPA) for exceptional student achievement in 2021! The Maryland State Department of Education specifically recognizes Springhill Lake for exceptional

student performance and academic growth for two or more consecutive years, and excellence in serving English learners.

Strategic Plan and Climate Survey Update



You spoke and we listened! Our new 2021-2026 strategic plan, Transformation 2026, reflects thousands of responses to last year's Culture & Climate Survey on ways to improve our school system. The new plan represents all voices in the PGCPS community. In a few weeks, we will release this year's Culture & Climate Survey – your chance to help us track our progress.

[Learn More](#)

William Wirt Middle School Construction Update



The new
**WILLIAM WIRT
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Design and Construction
Update Town Hall

Wednesday, December 8th 6:00pm-7:00pm

The complex block features a photograph of the new William Wirt Middle School building on the left. The building is a modern structure with large windows and a prominent overhang. In the foreground, two people are walking on a paved area. The right side of the block has a dark blue background with white and yellow text. The text includes the school name in a mix of fonts, the event title, and the date and time.

Join the Department of Capital Projects on Wednesday, Dec. 8 for an update on design and construction of the new William Wirt Middle School! Construction of all six [Blueprint Schools](#) is well underway. Sign up for the [monthly newsletter](#) for updates.

Register for Town Hall

#TeachWithUs: Spread the Word!



Prince George's County Public Schools

Teach With Us!

Visit us at pgcps.org/careers to sign up for the December 11th Virtual Event!

The PGCPS recruitment team seeks individuals interested in exploring a career in teaching who hold a conferred bachelor's degree for a virtual networking and hiring event on Saturday, Dec. 11!

Register

In the Spotlight

Good Luck Pumas and Eagles!



We are #PGCPS Proud of the Dr. Henry A. Wise and Frederick Douglass High School football teams who will compete for state championships today in Annapolis at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium! Congratulations to all staff and students who have made this accomplishment possible.

Announcements & Professional Development

COVID-19 Vaccine Tele-Town Hall



Join Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks on Tuesday, Dec. 7 for a COVID-19 Vaccine Tele-Town Hall at 6 p.m. County health officials will

provide updates on vaccines for children 5-11 and booster shots for adults, as well as answer questions.

[Register](#)

State Board of Education Seeking Teacher Member



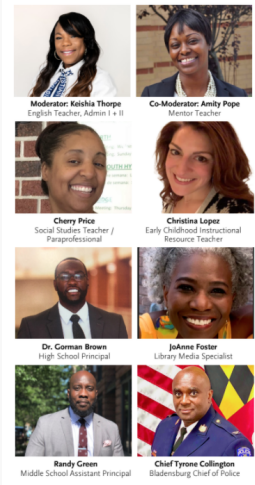
The Maryland State Department of Education will hold a statewide online election to fill the teacher member position on the State Board of Education (SBOE).

[Details & Application](#)

Teacher Talk: "Dismantling School-to-Prison Pipeline"

TeacherTalk

FREE WEBINARS BY TEACHERS, FOR TEACHERS
 Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline
 December 15th, 2021 • 5:00 PM



No teacher wants to see their students go to prison or juvenile facilities. Unfortunately, zero-tolerance disciplinary policies have made that a reality for many students, particularly students of color. It's known as the school-to-prison pipeline, and it needs to end. During this panel, PGCPS teachers will be coming together to discuss how we can step up for these vulnerable students.

RSVP for free at
bit.ly/teachertalkPGCPS

National Life Group
Life Changer
 OF THE YEAR

Hear from fellow PGCPS colleagues on how to support vulnerable students in this virtual panel on Wednesday, Dec. 15.

[Register](#)

Join the Winter Wellness Challenge



This winter we are keeping a focus on wellness. **Join our challenge** to keep health at the forefront and for a chance to win prizes!

Learn More & Get Started

Pause for a 'Meta-Moment!'



Given the upheavals and disruptions of the last 18 months, have you been easily triggered or felt overwhelmed by big emotions? Emotional regulation, stress management, and self care are key components of **self-management**, one of the five core competencies of social-emotional learning.

As a healthy emotional regulation strategy, PGCPs School Psychologist Dr. Jacquelyn Gordon suggests taking a 'Meta-Moment' – a tactical 'pause' which allows us time to intentionally choose how to respond when triggered. The "Meta-Moment" requires you to 1) notice the shift in your body or thinking following a trigger 2) stop or pause and take a deep breath 3) imagine your 'best self' by thinking of how you want to be seen or experienced by others and 4) select a healthy response to take a more positive perspective of the situation.

Explore a Doctorate of Education in Special Education Leadership

The Special Education program and Graduate School of the University of Maryland, College Park is offering a [Doctorate of Education \(Ed.D.\) in Special Education Leadership](#) for educators in or working towards leadership roles. Full-

tuition scholarships are available for 15 candidates. Information meetings are scheduled for December 1, 3, 4, 14 and January 5. For more information, contact Dr. Agnesanne J. Danehey at adanehey@umd.edu.

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